

Wafted From Washington

West Point Admission Regulations Changed.

Washington, D. C.—Regulations for admission to the Military Academy at West Point have been modified so that without lowering the entrance requirements prospective cadets may be matriculated by substituting equivalents or some of the units of study hitherto insisted upon. The effect of this change, made public recently in orders from the War Department, will be that a youth need not in the future pursue a special West Point preparatory course, which would not be of special advantage in after life or in another educational institution, provided he failed of appointment to West Point.

Hereafter a candidate for admission may be excused from mental examination upon presentation of certificate that he is a regularly enrolled student in good standing in a university, college or technological school, the entrance requirements of which include proficiency in mathematics and English as outlined by the college entrance examination board; or a certificate that he has graduated from a preparatory school meeting the requirements of that board; or a certificate that he has passed fourteen units of the entrance examinations required by the board, including mathematics, English and history.

Several days after the death of Lieutenant Colonel David Dubois Gallard, the army engineer who dug Culebra cut in the Panama canal, President Wilson recommended that his widow be given a year's salary which was immediately approved by Congress.

More Jap Trouble.

Fresh fuel to the dispute between this country and Japan over alleged discrimination against Japanese has been added by the house immigration committee. In executive ses-

A LAW BENEFITTING FARMERS.

On January 1st another of the progressive laws enacted for the direct benefit of the farmers of Pennsylvania will go into effect. This is the "pure seed law" of the last Legislature which went into the statute books only after a laborious and somewhat protracted campaign which did not cover merely the legislative session. It should be of great benefit, in its way, as each of the mass of laws establishing standards of purity for one thing and another which have been enacted in recent years.

The law is aimed directly at the men who wilfully adulterate seeds of grass and clover and the like with seeds of weeds which are useless and worse; such adulteration is totally excusable, for it is practiced solely to reap larger profits. Adulteration of this sort is commonly confined to seeds which are so small that only a laboratory man can detect the good in the bad.

Heavy penalties for the sale of seeds which do not conform to the state's standards are provided, and the law also makes it possible for any farmer, for a fee of twenty-five cents, to have a private sample analyzed at the State Department of Agriculture.

SEATERS ISSUED TO KEEP AISLES IN THEATRES CLEAR.

Harrisburg, Dec. 17.—John Price Jackson, commissioner of labor, has issued letters to the burgesses and fire chiefs of city and boroughs of the state asking them to take precautions to keep aisles clear in the theatres and moving pictures shows. He

sion it adopted an amendment to the pending immigration restriction bill designed to exclude Japanese, Hindu and Chinese laborers.

The amendment, championed by Representative Raker of California, and other Pacific coast congressmen, does not mention the Japanese by name, but raises the immigration bars against them in broad, generous terms under the name of "Asiatics."

The National Republican Congressional Campaign Committee adopted a resolution favoring a special national convention at which action should be taken to revise the party laws, with a view to changing the basis of representation in future national conventions. Three tentative plans will be considered at a meeting of the National Committee next Tuesday.

House Democrats sought to avoid an estimated deficit of \$13,000,000 for 1915 by means of a conference of Chairmen of Committees making appropriations, who were called to meet on Tuesday.

Admiral Dewey declared that the Naval Board had not recommended Norfolk as the site for a 1700-foot drydock, but that naval experts favored the Philadelphia yard.

Senator Oliver submitted to the Senate memorials and petitions from Philadelphia organizations protesting against the currency bill and the income tax.

Democratic Senators expressed some concern over the failure to fix a time to vote on the currency bill, but were still hopeful that it would be adopted next week.

President Wilson's speech at Gettysburg on the Fourth of July has been translated into Spanish by the Minister from Paraguay for circulation among his people.

Senator Oliver, of Pennsylvania, returned from Europe and made emphatic denial of the story that he had broken with Senator Penrose, whose re-election he said he favored.

calls special attention to the danger from crowds in the holiday season.

PORTABLE SCHOOL HOUSES FOR SCRANTON.

The building committee of the Scranton school board at a recent meeting decided to recommend the purchase of two portable school buildings to accommodate the pupils who have been closed out of No. 17 school owing to the mine cave. The recommendation of the committee carries with it the ratification of the board since five of the nine members of the board are members of the committee. The buildings will each cost \$2,500 and will be purchased from the Wyckoff company of New York state.

Money Hidden by a Miser.

More money has been found on the George Carnecross farm about five miles west of the village of Earlville, Chenango county. M. Foster, who now owns the place, while remodeling the stables in the barn several days ago, found secreted in the base of one of the stanchions a tin containing over \$50 in silver coins. The dates on the coins were in the '70's, showing that in all probability they had been hidden for more than 30 years. It was some 10 or 12 years ago that George Carnecross, an old miser, was found dead in the house on his farm. After his death a fortune was found hidden in out of the way places about the house and barn. Some \$1,700 was found hidden in an old rubber boot which was hanging from a rafter in the attic, and in tin cans and old receptacles about the cupboard. In all \$17,000 was found, which was adjusted in County Court and the money turned over to Carnecross' sister, whose home is in Wampsville.

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How in the little town of Bethlehem, the lowly Christ, our Lord, was born, A wondrous gift to the world was given, on that first Christmas morn.

The kings of earth gave Him no welcome, In no royal cradle did He lay, But instead a humble stable In a manger filled with hay.

To the faithful shepherds watching, glad tidings came that night, When over the plain and hillside, they saw a marvelous light. A voice was then heard speaking in accents sweet and clear, Telling of God's great goodness, And bidding them not to fear.

Long had they waited for the Messiah; think how glad they must have been, When they heard the Angels singing Peace on earth good will toward men!

For the whole host of heaven came to tell the story, Melodious anthems filled the air, to God gave they the glory.

Hastened were the shepherds' footsteps to where the star's bright ray, Seemed to beckon to them and clearly show the way.

Still from heaven a light is shining, God's word that all might see, As they sought and found Jesus, even so may we.

Christ's love so great and tender, still sheds its guiding rays, Let us like the lowly shepherds offer up our ardent praise.

Mabel S. Dexter, Milanville, Pa.

PLEASANT MOUNT.

Pleasant Mount, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sara Harms, Grace Winner, Mildred Miller, Viola Allen and Lois Tiffany were business callers in Carbondale, Saturday.

Jennie Doyle, of South Preston, spent the week-end with Mildred Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Taintor and son, Willis, have moved to Brownville where they expect to make their future home.

Ross Butler has gone to Harrisburg to assist his father.

Mrs. J. H. Kennedy spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. John Hinternister, of Clark's Summit.

Mrs. W. F. Hall is visiting her parents in Dover, N. J.

Joe Clemons and son, Steve, killed two coons last week, one weighing 25 and the other 30 pounds.

Nellie McAvoy assisted Charles Byron in his store last week.

SAVORY COOKING.

"I will say that on my recent visit I found the cooking in the hotels and restaurants throughout Scandinavia to be excellent," said Luis Jackson of the Erie railroad. "In the hotels of the large and small cities of Scandinavia considerable attention is paid to the preparation of food, though the table d'hôte is generally restricted to a few things. It is well known that the cooking in the great American hotels is as good as anywhere in the world, but it is an admitted fact, that the cooking in the hotels of our small towns, such as Canaryville, Podunk, and Rabbitt Center, is poor and unsavory. The trouble being that in making up their bills of fare they endeavor to imitate in length those of the hotels in large cities, with the result that good cooking is sacrificed to an indifferently cooked variety."

"Preliminary to the dinner in Scandinavia, especially in Norway and Sweden, one partakes of the appetizers (hors-d'oeuvre) on the smorgasbord. These consist of a variety of dishes,—ham, smoked sausages, smoked salmon, sardines, sardells, a variety of cheeses, radishes, cucumber salad and pickles, with bread and butter. After this a dinner of regular courses is served. A great Scandinavian institution is the sandwich, sold at restaurants, railway stations, etc. This consists of one slice of bread with meat or cheese on it. They do not put a slice of bread on top as we do. The bread is the smallest part of it. The smoked sausage, in every variety, or ham, overlaps the bread. These sandwiches cost from four cents up in our money. They are small and one can eat several of them, but they will, I think, take first prize in competition with any sandwiches from other parts. At the railway stations and in the restaurants of small pleasure steamers, one of the most popular dishes is beefsteak and onions. The beefsteak, however, is not to be compared with our steak. It is fried instead of broiled, and is merely a thin slice of beef, but it is covered with a thick layer of well fried onions. As I said, everything is sav-orily cooked."

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HOW TO MAKE FARMING PAY.

The possibilities of profitable farming have again been shown by the Long Island cauliflower growers, who will realize some \$300,000 on this year's crop.

This result has been made possible not by improvements in growing the vegetables merely, but by a fine and carefully managed system of marketing. The association has sent 374 refrigerator cars out of Riverhead, and will send fifty more before the season closes, in addition to big shipments to New York and Brooklyn in ordinary cars. The crop has thus been distributed among fourteen outside cities, thus preventing a glut in any one market and maintaining a high level of prices.

That is the sort of work which ought to be done for farmers all over the country by commercial agencies. But so far as the middlemen have done it heretofore they have been looking out for their own pockets chiefly and the farmers had to take what was left, a process which has discouraged raising vegetables for

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city markets. Now that the Suffolk county farmers have shown that they can both raise and market crops, combinations ought to be made with distributing agencies in the cities which will do the work for a fair profit. At present prices there is money enough in farm produce for a living profit for both farmers and

middlemen. But if middlemen refuse to "play fair" in the matter, Suffolk farmers have such that they can handle both ends of the business, and thus reap both profits. Their example ought to have a wholesome influence both on farms and in markets and brokers' offices. —Brooklyn Eagle.

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